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Question No: SQ16-000189

Topic: \$100 million Women's Safety Package

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Senator Claire Moore asked:

1. How will the Women's Safety Package be funded and what proportion is from funds earmarked for the National Plan?
2. \$15 million has been allocated to establish specialised domestic violence units to provide access to coordinated legal, social work and cultural liaison services for women in a single location, and allow legal services to work with local hospitals, including for women from CALD communities and women living in regional/remote areas. Where will these units be established and who will run/staff them?
3. \$17 million is allocated to keep women safe in their homes by expanding successful initiatives like the Safer in the Home programme to install CCTV cameras and other safety equipment, and a grant to the Salvation Army to work with security experts to conduct risk assessments on victim's homes, help change their locks and scan for bugs. How is this money being allocated?
4. What is the current level of funding, over the forward estimates for 1800Respect, ANROWS and OurWatch?

Answer:

1. Funding for the measures under the Women's Safety Package was set aside in the 2014-15 Budget and is in addition to funding under the National Plan.
2. The Attorney-General's Department is responsible for the establishment of Specialist Domestic Violence Units and Health Justice Partnerships. The Attorney-General's Department announced the providers on 16 October 2015. The following legal assistance providers will set up new Specialist Domestic Violence Units:
 - Legal Aid New South Wales, South-West Sydney, NSW
 - Western New South Wales Community Legal Centre, Dubbo, NSW
 - Eastern Community Legal Centre, North-East Melbourne, Victoria
 - Murray Mallee Community Legal Centre, Mallee, Victoria
 - North Queensland Women's Legal Service, Townsville, Queensland
 - Kimberley Community Legal Service, Kimberley, Western Australia
 - Women's Legal Service Tasmania, North-West, Tasmania
 - Women's Legal Centre ACT, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

The following providers will each set up both a new Specialist Domestic Violence Unit and a Health Justice Partnership with a local hospital or health centre:

- Central Australian Women's Legal Service, Alice Springs, Northern Territory

- Legal Services Commission of South Australia, Elizabeth, South Australia
- Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre, North-East Perth, Western Australia
- Women’s Legal Service Queensland, Brisbane and Gold Coast, Queensland.

3. The Department of Social Services is working with all state and territory governments and the Salvation Army on the implementation of this measure. The allocation of funding has not been finalised.

4. Current level of funding, over the forward estimates for 1800Respect, ANROWS and OurWatch.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1800RESPECT	\$6.728 million (includes Women with Disabilities Australia project and Daisy app)	\$9.781 million	\$2.019 million	0 (to be confirmed under Third Action Plan)
ANROWS	\$1.5 million + \$1.5 million from the states and territories	\$1.7 million Funding from the states and territories is currently being negotiated from 1 July 2016	\$1.7 million	\$1.7 million
OurWatch	\$3.1 million	\$2.6 million		